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1. No new troops arrived in Stendal (M 53/Y 85) [redacted] 1951, nor were troops from the post observed to leave for a prolonged period of time. Almost daily close-order drill was seen in the barracks yard while firing with rifles, machine guns, and light mortars was observed in the training area on the highway to Barnim.

2. Gate guards at the Taubentzien Kaserne wore black-bordered red epaulets. Eight trucks, each occupied by 25 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were seen leaving the installation on 25 January. [redacted]

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The last four trucks towed AT guns. [redacted]

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3. Gate guards at the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne were tank troopers. A column of eight SP guns and six trucks towing AT guns left the installation toward Insel at about 7 a.m. on 1 February. Each of the trucks was occupied by 20 to 25 soldiers with field equipment. The same column was seen returning at [redacted] on 3 February.

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4. Gate guards at the headquarters on Cardoegenerstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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5. Gate guards in front of the quarters of the motor transport unit on Heferbreiterweg wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia.

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6. Gate guards at the Hindenburg Kaserne wore signal insignia.

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7. Sentries at the barracks installation of the Borstel airfield wore artillery insignia. Trucks [redacted] occupied by 20 to 25 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, left the installation for Stendal on 3 February. [redacted]

[redacted] An ammunition dump was located just north of the airfield. It was guarded by soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets. ***

8. A hospital was located in the school on Wilhelm Kuelzstrasse. An officers' mess and club was located in the girls' high school on Karl Liebkechtstrasse.***

* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] confirm the occupation of the Tauertzien Kaserne and the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne by units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and headquarters units of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps of the Third Shock Army. The column of SP guns apparently left for a three-day winter exercise. Insel is situated 7 km southwest of Stendal.

** [redacted] Comment. The Hq 207th Mtz Rifle Div and the Hq LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps are stationed in Stendal. They are believed to be in the city district in which the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne and the restricted area on Hardenbergstrasse are located. [redacted]

[redacted] the report fails to furnish any information that the headquarters on Gardelegenerstrasse is actually the Hq 207th Mtz Rifle Div. [redacted] referred to Gardelegenerstrasse as Hardenbergstrasse or Friedrich Ebertstrasse. Friedrich Ebertstrasse seems to be the correct name. [redacted]

*** [redacted] Comment. The report indicates no change in the occupation of the other installations in Stendal. [redacted]

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